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I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2016 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2016 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 25 January to 1 April, 16 May to 1 July and 1 August to 16 September 2016. During this period, the Conference held 30 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held six informal plenary meetings.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland and the Republic of Korea.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2016 session on 26 January 2016, Mr. Kim Won-soo, High-Representative for Disarmament Affairs, delivered a message on behalf of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in which the Secretary-General, inter alia, emphasized that his efforts to help reinvigorate the Conference and to advance multilateral disarmament negotiations will continue and, recalling the ultimate burden of the member States to find an urgent solution to the chronic impasse, encouraged the Conference on Disarmament to live up to its responsibility as the single multilateral negotiating forum for disarmament (CD/PV.1371).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the second President of the Conference, Mr. Steffen Kongstad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia (CD/PV.1377); Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.1377); Ms. Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (CD/PV.1377); Mrs. Lenita Toivakka, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development of Finland (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Tore Hattrem, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Yannis Amanatidis, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Pedro Nuñez Mosquera, General Director of Multilateral Affairs and International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba (CD/PV.1378); Ms. Maria Angela Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Alexei Volkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the

Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1379); Ms. Delcy Rodríguez Gómez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Benedetto della Vedova, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Ignacio Ybañez Rubio, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain (CD/PV.1379). Upon the invitation of the third President of the Conference, Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1386). Upon the invitation of the fifth President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Mr. Kim Won-soo, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1393).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously voiced support for the Conference, expressed concern about the Conference's current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. Mary Soliman, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Acting Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Marco Kalbusch, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 40 States not

members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and United Arab Emirates.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2054, dated 4 February 2016, entitled "Letter dated 26 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during the 2016 session from non-member states";

(b) CD/2064, dated 10 June 2016, entitled "Letter dated 1 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/2054 dated 4 February 2016";

(c) CD/2065, dated 1 July 2016, entitled "Letter dated 31 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/2012 dated 10 February 2015".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2016 session

12. At its 1371st plenary meeting on 26 January 2016, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2016 session (CD/PV.1371). The agenda (CD/2052) read as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2016 session:
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> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 65 of the 2015 report of the Conference (CD/2046), the last President of the 2015 session (New Zealand) and the first President of the 2016 session (Nigeria), conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2016 session of the Conference.

15. At the 1374th plenary meeting on 16 February 2016, the President of the Conference, Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, circulated a draft decision on a programme of work for the 2016 session (CD/WP.594).

16. At the 1376th plenary meeting on 23 February 2016, the United Kingdom presented a proposal for a programme of work for the 2016 session as contained in CD/2055.

17. Following the announcement by Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation at the 1378th plenary meeting on 1 March 2016, the Russian Federation presented a proposal for a programme of work, as contained in CD/2057, at the 1381st plenary meeting, on 8 March 2016, (CD/PV.1378 and CD/PV.1381). At the 1396th plenary meeting on 4 August 2016, the Russian Federation presented a new proposal for a programme of work, as contained in CD/2070 (CD/PV.1396), following on a proposal for a programme of work orally presented by the Russian Federation at the 1386th plenary meeting on 19 May 2016 (CD/PV.1386).

18. Ideas for a proposal for a programme of work and other ideas to the respect were shared at the Conference (CD/PV.1371, CD/PV.1376, CD/PV.1381 and CD/PV.1386).

19. The Conference held four informal plenary meetings on a programme of work: on 4 February 2016 under the presidency of Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, on 8 March 2016 under the presidency of Mr. Steffen Kongstad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and on 24 and 31 March 2016 under the presidency of Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

20. At the 1393rd plenary meeting on 28 June 2016, the President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, submitted for adoption a draft decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the 2016 session (CD/WP.595). The draft decision did not achieve consensus.

21. Throughout the 2016 session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of the relevant proposals. Delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking account of relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2016.

22. The following documents were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2051, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 19 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the joint statement by interested States in support of the Conference delivered at the First Committee of the General Assembly at its seventieth session";

(b) CD/2055, dated 18 February 2016, entitled "Letter dated 19 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a draft decision for the Conference to establish a formal working group and an associated programme of work for the duration of the 2016 session";

(c) CD/2057, dated 4 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference for the duration of the 2016 session";

(d) CD/2070, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference for the 2016 session".

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

23. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings (CD/PV.1371, CD/PV.1372, CD/PV.1374, CD/PV.1378, CD/PV.1379, CD/PV.1380, CD/PV.1386, CD/PV.1394 and CD/PV.1400). Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

24. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

25. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

26. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

27. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

28. On 22 June 2016, in response to the feedback from delegations on the first informal Conference on Disarmament-Civil Society Forum (CD/PV.1379 and CD/PV.1380), the second informal Conference on Disarmament-Civil Society Forum was held under the authority of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller. The Forum consisted of two panel discussions on the following topics: "New Weapon Technologies" and "The role and possible contribution of the CD for strengthening the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals." Member States expressed appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for the organization of the Forum (CD/PV.1394).

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2016 session

29. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

30. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, and with the agreement of the Conference, an informal meeting was held on "women and disarmament" on 19 May 2016. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, and with the agreement of the Conference, an informal meeting was held on "main international challenges for disarmament" on 9 August 2016.

31. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations

during 2016 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as Appendix II to this report.

32. The Conference had before it a letter dated 4 January 2016 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventieth session in 2015, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2049). The latter are listed below:

70/25 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. (10th, 12th, 13th and 16th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

70/26 Prevention of an arms race in outer space. (6th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)

70/27 No first placement of weapons in outer space. (7th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2 and 3)

70/33 Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations. (4th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 8)

70/34 Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament. (13th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 7 and 14)

70/39 Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. (3rd preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 4)

70/40 United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. (Operative paragraph 15)

70/43 Regional disarmament. (Operative paragraph 1)

70/44 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels. (Operative paragraph 2)

70/50 Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world. (9th preambular paragraph)

70/51 Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments. (20th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 15)

70/52 Nuclear disarmament. (16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 16, 17 and 20)

70/53 Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities. (6th and 7th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 3)

70/56 Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons. (12th and 13th preambular paragraphs)

70/57 Universal Declaration on the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World. (Annex and operative paragraph 9)

70/59 Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes. (Operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6)

70/62 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons. (9th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

70/67 Report of the Conference on Disarmament. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1 to 11)

70/68 Report of the Disarmament Commission. (Operative paragraphs 2 and 10)

33. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

CD/2069, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Work of the Conference on Disarmament".

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

34. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

35. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

36. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2047, dated 12 October 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 October 2015 to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting a declaration of the People's National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba regarding the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2050, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea";

(c) CD/2056, dated 3 March 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 February 2016 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Argentina in its capacity as coordinator of the work of the

Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean transmitting the communiqué issued on 14 February 2016 concerning the forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco";

(d) CD/2061, dated 14 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement made by the President of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty";

(e) CD/2063, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(f) CD/2067, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(g) CD/2072, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the IAEA Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities";

(h) CD/2075, dated 14 September 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 13 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Declaration 'The Astana Vision: From a Radioactive Haze to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World'".

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

37. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

38. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

39. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2047, dated 12 October 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 October 2015 to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting a declaration of the People's National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba regarding the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2050, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by

the Government of the Republic of Korea on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea";

(c) CD/2056, dated 3 March 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 February 2016 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Argentina in its capacity as coordinator of the work of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean transmitting the communiqué issued on 14 February 2016 concerning the forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco";

(d) CD/2061, dated 14 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement made by the President of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty";

(e) CD/2063, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(f) CD/2067, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(g) CD/2072, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the IAEA Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities";

(h) CD/2075, dated 14 September 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 13 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Declaration 'The Astana Vision: From a Radioactive Haze to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World'".

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

41. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

42. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2060, dated 4 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 23 March 2016 from the Permanent Representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on

Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement by the Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to declare that they will not be the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space, signed in New York on 26 September 2015";

(b) CD/2062, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS)";

(c) CD/2078, dated 16 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 29 August 2016 from the Delegation of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the submission of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament: 'Implementing the Recommendations of the Report (A/68/189*) of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space Activities to Enhance Stability in Outer Space'".

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

45. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2068, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Negative Security Assurances".

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

48. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

49. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

50. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2058, dated 22 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 16 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a Russian initiative on an international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical terrorism";

(b) CD/2059, dated 29 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 28 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an explanatory note and the text of elements of the draft international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical terrorism";

(c) CD/2071, dated 18 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of elements of the draft international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical and biological terrorism and an Addendum".

G. Transparency in armaments

51. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

52. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

53. The following documents were submitted to the conference:

(a) CD/2048, dated 23 November 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 18 October 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of

Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 October 2015";

(b) CD/2053, dated 28 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 25 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the instrument of ratification and a declaration dated 4 September 2015 in respect of the Convention on Cluster Munitions";

(c) CD/2066*, dated 13 July 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the joint statement delivered by Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and by Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on strengthening global strategic stability";

(d) CD/2073, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 23 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Foreign Affairs, during a briefing to media representatives in Islamabad on 12 August 2016";

(e) CD/2074, dated 7 September, entitled "Note verbale dated 28 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the texts of the statements made by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 26 and 28 August 2016";

(f) CD/2076, dated 7 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 30 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) issued on 24 August 2016";

(g) CD/2077, dated 13 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 11 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting to the Secretariat the 'Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Fifth Nuclear Test'";

(h) CD/2079, dated 20 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 9 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 7 September 2016 on the Russian Federation's large-scale military exercises 'Caucasus 2016'".

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

54. Being aware of the growing importance and need of progress of multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2016 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2017 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

55. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2017 session would be:

First part: 23 January-31 March

Second part: 15 May-30 June

Third part: 31 July-15 September.

56. The annual report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 6 September 2016, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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